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Remarks

The claims have been amended. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application. Claims 5-11 are currently pending.

Section 102 and 103 rejections

Claims 1, 3, and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or 35 U.S.C. §103 in view of a single reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,723,003 to Winston et al. ("Winston"). Applicant submits that the cancellation of claims 1, 3, and 4 obviates these grounds of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter. Specifically, claims 5-11 have been allowed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 5-11 is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

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